

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-73 (~~PAGE 0195~~) Construction Date: circa 1840

Name: Preference

Location: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture-Private residence/Occupied/Good/Not accessible

Description:

Preference was previously inventoried by the Maryland Historical Trust in the 1970s; however, an extensive survey form was not completed. Preference is a 2½-story, 3-bay farmhouse with Federal-style influences on Mona Farm Place, west of Crain Highway in the vicinity of La Plata, Charles County. Constructed circa 1840, the house has 2½-story side-gable additions on the east and west elevations. Preference has a recessed front entry which is located in the third bay. The structure has a wood shingle, side-gable roof with two dormers on the front elevation and one centered dormer on the rear elevation. The two additions also have wood shingle, side-gable roofs. The house has four large brick chimneys. Two chimneys are located on the west exterior wall, the third chimney is located at the northeast corner of the house, and the fourth chimney is located on the east wall of the east addition. The house is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboards of various widths, and it has a brick foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise. The majority of windows have wood shutters.

Significance:

Preference is a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse with Federal-style influences. The house retains much of its historic materials and detailing, and the additions date to an historic period. The setting of the house retains its historic associations. Preference was originally situated on 454.07 hectares (1122 acres) of land purchased in 1839. A house was constructed on the land shortly afterwards, circa 1840. Thomas Wills inherited the property after the

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-73 (~~PACS 6195~~) Construction Date: circa 1840

Name: Preference

Location: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

death of his parents. He sold the house, which became known as "Preference," and 48.36 hectares (119.5 acres) of the land in 1894. While the property was conveyed a number of times, the size of the parcel remained constant until 1964, when it was reduced to 58.68 hectares (145 acres). Additional reductions occurred in 1971 when Michael and Margaret Mona acquired 10.56 hectares (26.11 acres), and in 1995 when the current owners, Margaret and Keri Mona, were deeded the house and 2.61 hectares (6.45 acres).

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Preference

and/or common Mona Property

2. Location:

street & number 9250 Mona Farm Place ☐ not for publicationcity, town La Plata ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael and Margaret Mona

street & number 9250 Mona Farm Place

telephone no.:

city, town La Plata

state and zip code MD 20646

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1986

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive

folio 564

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Sites in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties

date 1980

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository/survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No.: CH-73 (PACS 6195)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 4

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Preference was previously inventoried by the Maryland Historical Trust in the 1970s; however, an extensive survey form was not completed. Preference is a 2½-story, 3-bay farmhouse with Federal-style influences on Mona Farm Place, west of Crain Highway in the vicinity of La Plata, Charles County. Constructed circa 1840, the house has 2½-story side-gable additions on the east and west elevations. Preference has a recessed front entry which is located in the third bay.

The structure has a wood shingle, side-gable roof with two dormers on the front elevation and one centered dormer on the rear elevation. The two additions also have wood shingle, side-gable roofs. The house has four large brick chimneys. Two chimneys are located on the west exterior wall, the third chimney is located at the northeast corner of the house, and the fourth chimney is located on the east wall of the east addition. The house is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboards of various widths, and it has a brick foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise. The majority of windows have wood shutters.

The south, or front elevation has a recessed entry and door in the third bay. A shallow wood pediment is applied to the wall above the recess. The door is a wood door with 3-light sidelights and an 8-light transom. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with two windows on the first story, three windows on the second story, and one window in each roof dormer.

The east and west elevations of the house are nearly concealed by the side additions. The west elevation has two 4/4 double-hung wood windows in the gable end.

The north elevation of the house is partially concealed on the first story by a brick shed-roof addition. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with two windows on the first story, three windows on the second story, and one window in the centered roof dormer. The brick addition has two 12-light wood doors and two 3/3 double-hung wood windows.

The two side additions have numerous windows and doors on the exposed elevations. The east addition has a 2-story integrated porch on the north elevation. The porch is supported by turned wood posts. There is one 9/9 double-hung wood windows on both stories. The east elevation has a large centered exterior chimney, a projecting third bay, and three windows on each story. There are two windows in the gable end. The north elevation has one window on both stories; the second story window projects above the roof line and has a gable.

The west addition has first story doors on both the south and north elevations. There is one window on the north elevation and one 4/4 double-hung wood window in the gable end. A cellar bulkhead door is located on the west elevation of the addition.

There are three buildings associated with this property. Two of the buildings are concrete block structures with asphalt shingle, front-gable roofs. Constructed circa 1950, one building is a storage shed and the other is used as a guest cottage. The buildings are located a short distance west of the house.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 ~~(PACS C195)~~

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

7. Description (Continued)

The third outbuilding is a barn with a corrugated metal, gambrel roof. Constructed circa 1930, the barn is of wood-frame construction and is located southeast of the house, shed and guest cottage.

The property is located approximately 400 meters (1320 feet) west of Crain Highway on a gently rolling site. The site is generally clear of trees; there are some mature trees near the house. There are woods to the south, fields to the west, a twentieth century residence to the northeast, and a line of woods to the north. A recently constructed residential development is located north of the woods. The property's setting is a rural area of farms, woods, and residences.

8. Significance

Survey No.: CH-73 (~~PACS 6195~~)

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates circa 1840

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B xC ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G
Level of Significance: national state x local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Preference was originally situated on 454.07 hectares (1122 acres) of land purchased in 1839. A house was constructed on the land shortly afterwards, circa 1840. Thomas Wills inherited the property after the death of his parents. He sold the house, which became known as "Preference," and 48.36 hectares (119.5 acres) of the land in 1894. While the property was conveyed a number of times, the size of the parcel remained constant until 1964, when it was reduced to 58.68 hectares (145 acres). Additional reductions occurred in 1971 when Michael and Margaret Mona acquired 10.56 hectares (26.11 acres), and in 1995 when the current owners, Margaret and Keri Mona, were deeded the house and 2.61 hectares (6.45 acres). There are no detailed, published historic maps or atlas of Charles County, Maryland which locate and indicate ownership of buildings.

Preference is a vernacular farmhouse with Federal-style influences. At the end of the American Revolution, new styles began to replace the Georgian style. Federal or Adam style houses, popular in the years between 1780 and 1840, were inspired by the designs of the eighteenth century London architect Robert Adam (Rifkind 1980, 29). Characterized by an accentuated entrance with paneled door usually featuring a semi-circular or elliptical fanlight, an emphasized cornice with dentil or other decorative moldings, and double-hung 6-over-6 sash windows, Federal details appeared in a variety of house forms. Among these were the two-story, side-gable roof type, the two and three-story hipped roof types, the cross-gable type, and townhouses (McAlester 1984, 154). Evolving from the earlier Georgian style, Federal or Adam style dwellings were "characterized by balance and symmetry in design, lightness and elegance in mood, delicacy, and finesse in execution" (Rifkind 1980, 29). The most common form was the rectangular five-bay house with a side-gable roof; in plan this form was two rooms deep with a center hall. The rectangular plan also was less commonly built with three and seven-bay variants. High style examples featured curved or polygonal projections and highly decorative details.

One of the buildings associated with Preference is a barns. Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (~~PACS CT95~~)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

8. Significance (Continued)

of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Foundation walls were frequently of fieldstone masonry construction which was also used most frequently for gable end walls before the mid nineteenth century, when increasing supplies and reduced cost of pre-cut lumber led to the adoption of wood. Vertical sheathing was often used for front and rear facades from an early date. Roofs were covered with shingle, slate, or metal. On late eighteenth and early nineteenth century barns, a series of tall vertical vents, or embrasures, punctuated the walls, providing ventilation and illumination of the barn's interior. The wood walls of later barns featured louvers and windows for the same purpose.

Preference is located in Charles County, in southern Maryland. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

SOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (PACS C195)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Preference, constructed circa 1840, was previously inventoried by the Maryland Historical Trust in 1980. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse with Federal-style influences. The house retains much of its historic materials and detailing, and the additions date to an historic period. The setting of the house retains its historic associations. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility Recommended ☒ X

Eligibility Not Recommended ☐

Comments: Criterion C

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens

Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: *B. Kintz*

Date: 7/4/01

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (PAOS C-195)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Preference, constructed circa 1840, was previously inventoried by the Maryland Historical Trust in 1980. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, as a representative example of a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse with Federal-style influences. The house retains much of its historic materials and detailing, and the additions date to an historic period. The setting of the house retains its historic associations. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

<p>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</p> <p>Eligibility Recommended <u>XX</u> Eligibility Not Recommended _____</p>	
<p>Comments: <u>PHOTOS NEED TO BE SENT</u></p>	
<p>Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>10/19/96</u></p>	
<p>Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u> Date: <u>10/19/96</u></p>	

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.: CH-73 (~~PACS 6195~~)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 14.73 hectares (36.4 acres)

Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall/Ryan McKay

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date September 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
(410) 514-7600

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (~~PAGE 6196~~)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

9. Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

- Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.
- Charles County Retired Teachers Association. A Legacy: One- and Two-Room Schools in Charles County. La Plata: Dick Wildes Publishing Company, 1984.
- Grow, Lawrence. Country Architecture. Pittstown, NJ: The Main Street Press, 1985.
- Klapthor, Margaret Brown, and Paul Dennis Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.
- Martenet, Simon J. Martenet's Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. Baltimore, 1866.
- Maryland Geological Survey. [1840] Map of Eastern Maryland with 1860 Additions. Copy on file at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.
- McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Fieldguide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1983.
- Wilkens, Carole. A Field Guide to American Architecture. New York: Signet Press, 1980.
- Rivoire, J. Richard. Homeplaces, Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata: Southern Maryland Studies Center, 1990.
- Wearmouth, John M. Charles County Railroad. An unpublished paper on deposit at the Prince George's County Historical Society. August 1984.
- Ibid. La Plata, Maryland, 1888-1988, 100 Years, The Heart of Charles County. La Plata: Town of La Plata, 1988.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (~~PACS 0195~~)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal boundary description and justification:

The National Register boundaries of Preference follow the current property lines of 9250 Mona Farm Place (Charles County Tax Map 58, Parcel 139, Parcel 156, and Parcel 336). This 14.73 hectare (36.4 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south, and west by adjacent tax parcels, and on the east by Crain Highway. The boundary includes the house and contributing barn, and the non-contributing storage shed and guest cottage. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 454.07 hectare (1122 acre) parcel which was purchased by Francis R. Wills in 1839.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

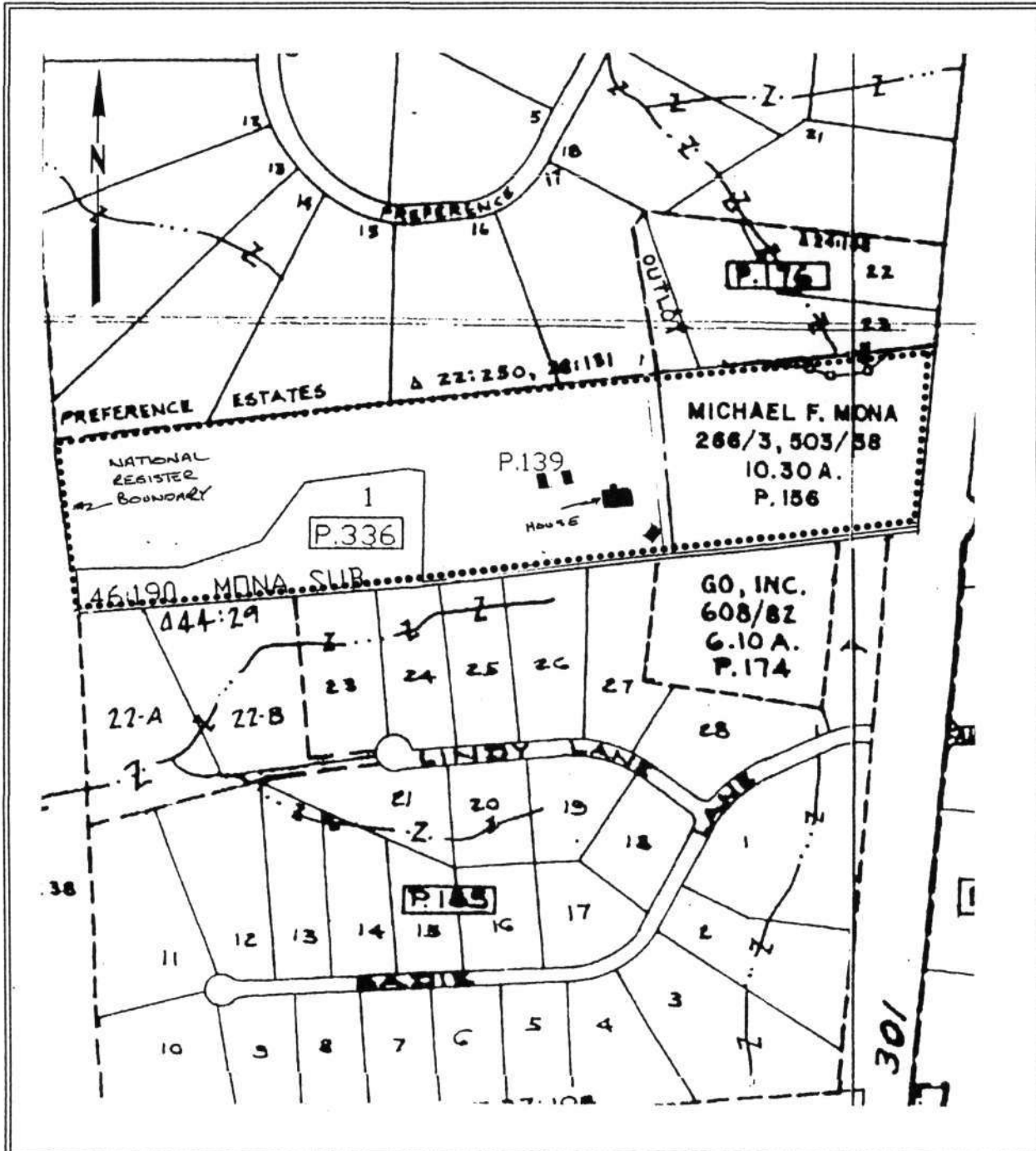
RESOURCE NAME: Preference

SURVEY NO.: CH-73 (PAOS 0195)

ADDRESS: 9250 Mona Farm Place, La Plata vicinity, Charles County

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Preference CH-73 (~~PACS C195~~)

9250 Mona Farm Place, vicinity of La Plata, Charles County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture; Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not
applicable; Occupied; Not accessible; Private Residence,
Agricultural

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farm

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

BALTIMORE 65 MI.
LA PLATA 2 MI.

28

29 57'30"

30 LA PLATA 3.5 MI.

5661 III S
(LA PLAT

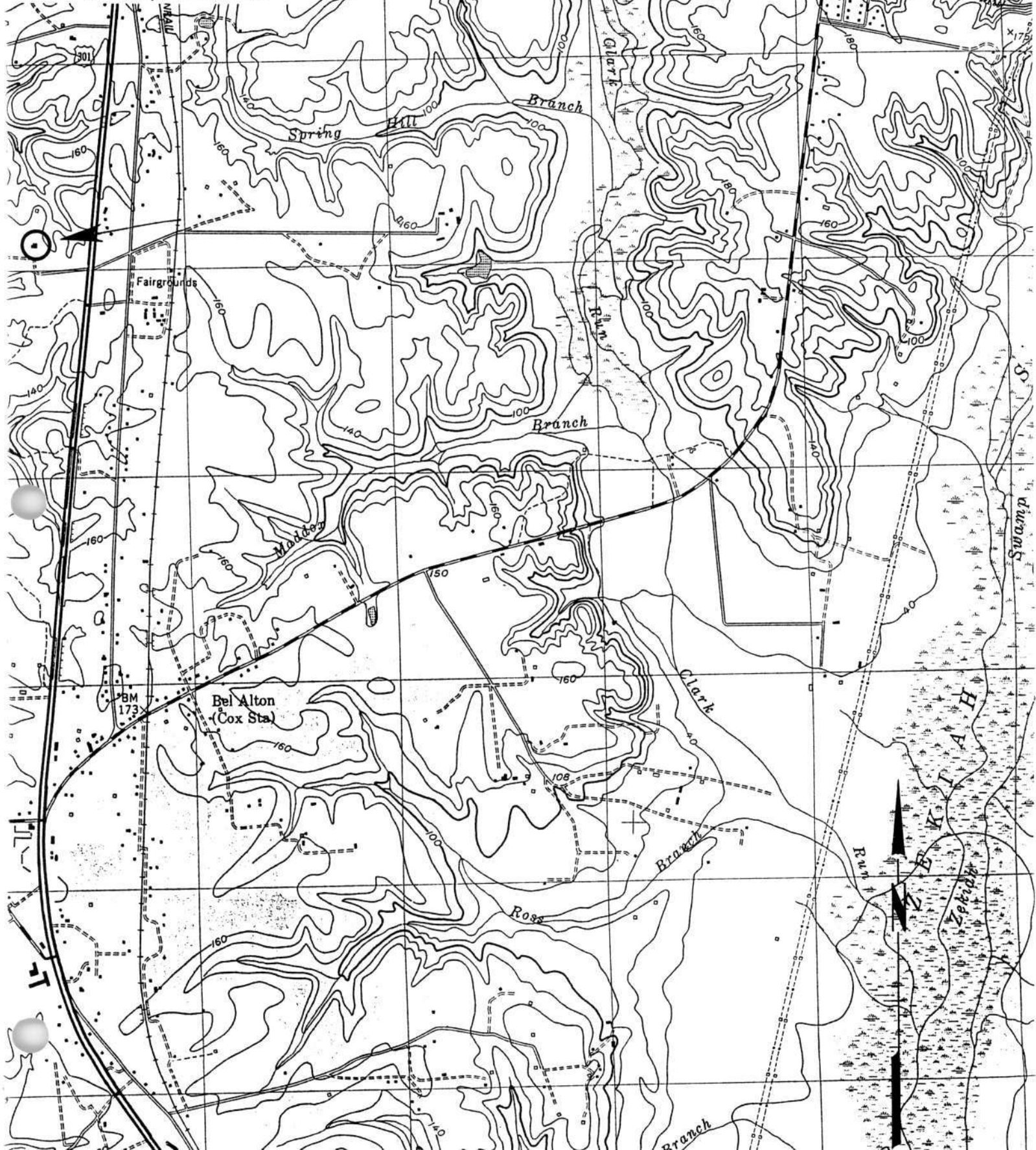
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

Survey # 0195, CH73

Property Name PREFERENCE

Town/County LA PLATA VICINITY / Charles Co.

Quadrangle Popes Creek





- 1 CH-73
- 2 Preference, Charles County, MD
- 3 Bryan McKay, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C Spero and Company, 40 W Chesapeake Ave, #412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 9250 Monr Farm Place East elevation of house West view

6 1 of 1)



- 1 CH-73
- 2 Preference Charles County, MD
- 3 Ryan McKay, 9/9/
- 4 P.A.C Spero & Company, 40 W Chesapeake Ave, #412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 9250 Manx Farm Place North elevation
of house South view
- 6 2 of 11



- 1 CH-73
- 2 Preference, Charles County, MD
- 3 Bryan McKee, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C Spero and Company 40 W Chesapeake Ave, #412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 9250 Mont Farm Place North elevation
of house South View
- 6 4 of 11



- 1 CH-73
- 2 Preference, Charles County, MD
- 3 Ryan McKay, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C Sporo and Company, 40 W Choesapeake Ave, #412 Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 9250 Monq Farm Place South elevation
of House North View
- 6 6 d 11



1. CH-73
2. Preference Charles County, MD
3. Ruan McKay 9/9/94
4. P.A.C. Spero & Company 413 W. 5th Street
Ave, Towson, MD 21204
5. 9250 Monr Farm Place Outbuilding
Southwest View
6. 3 of 11



1. CH-73

2. Preference, Charles County MD

3. Ryan McKay 9,94

4. P.A.C Spero & Company, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave, Towson, Md 21204

5. 9250 Monro Farm Place West
elevation of House East View

6. 5 of 11



1. CH-73

2. Preference, Charles County MD

3. Ryan McKay 9/94

4. P.A.C. Spero & Company, 410 W. Chesapeake
Ave. Baltimore, MD 21204

5. 9250 Mount Farm Place Barn
East View

6. 76611



1. CH-73

2. Preference, Charles County, MD

3. Ryan McKay 9/96

4. P.A.C. Special Company, 101 W. Enoch Road
Ave, Baltimore, MD 21204

5. 9250 Monq Farm Place, barn,
North View

6
8 & 11



1. CH-73

2. Preference Charles County, MD

3. Ryan McKay 9/9/9

4. P.A.C. Spence & company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
~~Baltimore~~ Maryland 21204

5. 9250 Mony Farm Place, Tobacco
barn, Northwest View

6
9 of 11



1. CH-73

2. Preference, Charles County, MD

3. Ryan McKay 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero & company, 40, W. Chesapeake
Ave, Baltimore, md 21204

5. 9250 Mong Farm Place ghost house and
shed North view

6. 10 d 11



1, CH-73

2, Preference, Charles County

3, Ryan McKay, 9/96

4, P.A.C. Sperry + Co., 40 W. Chesapeake Ave., #412, Balto., Md 21204

5, 9250 Monro Farm Place South and
east elevations of house Northwest
6, 11 of 11 view

A REPORT ON THE RELOCATION
OF THE WILLS FAMILY CEMETERY
FROM PREFERENCE TO JOHNSONTOWN,
(CH-73) (CH-348)
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

J. RICHARD RIVOIRE

3 OCTOBER, 1990

See vertical file.....

*Charles County
Wills Family Cemetery*

CH-73

POPE CREEK Quad

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

CHARLES

DE



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

"Preference"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rte. 301 (W side)(Blue Star Memorial Highway)

CITY OR TOWN:

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Charles

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes:	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

La Plata

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Charles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

La Plata

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Preference" is a large two and one half storey dwelling of frame construction with two chimneys at each gable end.

The house contains large rooms and spacious center hall with a hanging stair to the third floor. Most of the moulding appear to be early nineteenth century and the floorboards are random width in excellent state of preservation.

The house is in a three part composition with an odd arrangement of porches at the SE corner.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
1			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
J. Richard Rivoire		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Box 1704		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Annapolis	Maryland	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS